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Spy Trade

By E. H. Cookridge.
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Newspaper readers casually familiar with the exchange of Col. Rudolf Abel for Francis Gary Powers, or, in Great Britain, Peter and Helen Kroger for Gordon Lonsdale probably think of the cases as no more than two East-West spy trades. But E. H. Cookridge, a prolific writer on espionage, has discerned a pattern. The Soviets, he says, in order to encourage spy recruitment, guarantee their agents that, if captured, they will be bartered for. Since more Eastern than Western spies are caught, the Soviets are not above arresting innocent travelers or using foreigners who have fallen afoul of the law as bargaining chips. Mr. Cookridge has drawn together numerous examples of this flourishing trade and contributed a small but significant chapter to the story of the espionage game. ■